
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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# TEXT: *Matthew 6:31-33 KJV*

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# INTRO: *Seek Ye First*

***J R Miller*** wrote that...
*We need have only one care, that we put the first thing first—faithfulness to God.* ***Then all else we need*** *for* ***both worlds*** *will be supplied.*

***Psalms 34:9-11 KJV***
O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. (10) The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but ***they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing***. (11) Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The ***Believer*** – the ***Church*** must not only ***learn to***, ***but must***, ***in all things***,
***Put First Things First!***

# I. *Build The House of The LORD*

***Haggai 1:2-9 KJV***
Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, ***This people say, The time is not come,*** the time that the LORD'S house should be built. (3) Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, (4) Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, ***and this house lie waste?*** (5) Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; ***Consider your ways***. (6) Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. (7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ***Consider your ways***. (8) Go up to the mountain, and

bring wood, and ***build the house***; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. (9) Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

***Patsy and I on a visit to a prospective Church walked through the building and were extremely disappointed with the lack aof care that this church had placed on the "House of the LORD". If this is how they care for the church house… who will they care for their pastor?***

## CONSIDER THE LORD"S HOUSE TO BE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

***Verse 6 – There Are Consequences!***

## II. MAKE ME A LITTLE CAKE FIRST

***1 Kings 17:10-16 KJV***

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. (11) And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. (12) And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. (13) And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but ***make me thereof a little cake first***, and ***brina it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son***. (14) For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. (15) And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. (16) And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

***Elijah, the man of God, represents the Word that the LORD speaks…***

# III. *What Excuses Do You Make?*

***Matthew 8:19-22 KJV***

And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. (20) And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (21) And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, ***suffer me first to go and bury my father***. (22) But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

***Luke 14:16-24 KJV***

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: (17) And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. (18) And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, ***I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it:*** I pray thee have me excused. (19) And another said, ***I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them:*** I pray thee have me excused. (20) And another said, ***I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come***. (21) So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. (22) And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. (23) And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (24) ***For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.***

# IV. *Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God*

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